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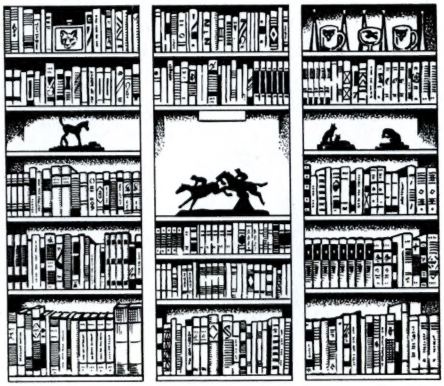

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If you can hunt and stay among the leaders,
And yet not thrust nor override the hounds;
If you can take a dozen nasty "headers,"
Yet never let your temper out of bounds:

If, at the Meet, some inexperienced fellow
Backs into you and trouble is astir,
If you can merely smile and do not bellow:
"Damnation! Where is your red ribbon, Sir?"

If you can see that chap you've always hated
Sent flying in the mud by playful buck,
And do not laugh aloud nor feel elated,
But stop and help him up and say: "Hard luck:"

Or if the girl you loathe is the aggressor,
"Cuts in," and leaves you lying in the ditch,
If you can say: "That girl rides well, God bless her!"
Instead of calling her "a naughty Witch!"

If you should feel at times your nerve is breaking,
Yet take yourself in hand ere 'tis too late,
And jump the monstrous fence that sets you quaking,
Nor look with longing eyes at gap or gate:

If when you feel your horse is blown and jaded
Just near the finish of a glorious run,
You can leave off, with thought of self all faded,
And pat his heaving flanks and say: "Well done!"

And if, when the shades of night are falling,
You're jogging homeward with a well-earned thirst,
And, though a steaming bath and drink are calling,
You see your mount is fed and watered first:

If when at last before the fire contented,
While telling others all about the ride,
You leave that bank the height that nature meant it,
Nor let that four-foot ditch grow twelve feet wide:

If you are always loyal to your Master,
And never brag about the things you'd do,
Then, in the face of any dire disaster,
You'll be a Sportsman and a Marvel too!

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